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Deaths

Patricia Knapp Armstrong, step-mother of **Michele Q=Petersen**, grandmother of **Megan Campbell & Ryan Q=Petersen**, great-grandmother of **Charlotte, Ryan & Witt Campbell** and **Jack, Virginia, Sophie & Michael Q=Petersen**, on December 30, 2022.

Harriet Destiche, aunt of **Hallie Hart** and **Sanders Hearne**, on January 6, 2023.

Henry Hearne on January 8, 2023.

Happy Birthday

January 15	18	21
Henry McMurry	Carol Gamble	George Plaxco
	Rick Fisher	Claire Rebouche
16	Allie Marler	Donna McGaunn
Drew Larremore		Paris Marsalis
Nancy Mobley	19	Mary Catherine Kneip
Katie Mitchell	Sherry Batchelor	
Corinne Peterson	Katherine Van Hook	
	Gloria Haynes	
17		
Pat Turnage	20	
Chadd Bylsma	Christy Porter	
Brady Thompson	Mary Margaret	
Thomas Harrison	Thomas	
	Julian Weaver	

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THE MESSENGER

Community

We are looking for a few SOUPER teams to make a light Lenten meal/soup on Wednesday evenings during Lent. **Contact Jennifer Beruvides at jennifer@stmarkscathedral.net for more information.**

Discovering Your God Given Gifts is a seminar designed to help us be successful in the ministries and good deeds God has prepared for us to do. This seminar will be offered to members of St. Mark's this weekend, **January 13 and 14** in the Garden Room. Friday night beginning at 6:00 pm until 9:00 pm; then 9:00 am through 1:00 pm Saturday. **IT IS IMPERATIVE that you sign up for this seminar** as we will need to have materials ordered. Childcare will be made available if requested. Bring your "mark up" Bible and an open mind with you.

If you are interested in learning more about the Episcopal Church, an Inquirers/Confirmation Class will begin in February on Wednesday evenings after the Wednesday Night Dinner. The first class will begin on **February 1** at 6:00 pm. To register, please contact Priscilla McLean, priscilla@stmarkscathedral.net

Mark your calendars for our Annual meeting on January 29 immediately after the 10:30 am service. We will gather in the Parish Hall for lunch and the meeting. We will hear reports from our various departments and elect a new slate of Vestry members.

To love and serve Christ.

To love and serve each other in Christ.

To love and serve the world for Christ.

Pursuant to the by-laws of St. Mark’s Cathedral, the Nominating Committee has nominated the following persons to be elected at the Annual Meeting to be held on **Sunday, January 29, 2023** to serve four year terms on the Vestry of St. Mark’s Cathedral:

- David Drummond**
- Paul Guidry**
- Val Irion**
- Reid Jones**
- John Turnage**

Do you want to read the Bible in 2023? You can, and with accountability from friends at St. Mark’s! A group of Parishioners is using the Bible in one Year app. You can read it or listen to it. Each day includes passages from a Psalm or Proverb, the New Testament, and the Old Testament along with a daily commentary from Nicky and Pippa Gumbel, leaders of Holy Trinity Brompton (HTB) Church in London. Choose the Classic version (25 minutes) or shorter Express or Youth versions (both around 15 minutes).

Check out <https://bibleinoneyear.org/en/> to download the app. E-mail Lauren Thibodeaux at thiblauren@gmail.com to join our St. Mark’s Bible in 2023 Accountability GroupMe group. We will encourage one another and share thoughts and discussions in the GroupMe app.

We are again looking for volunteers to staff the front desk! We are looking for someone to work Tuesdays, Wednesdays or Fridays from 11:00 am till 2:00 pm. You can work every week or once a month, whatever your schedule can fit. **Contact Priscilla McLean, priscilla@stmarkscathedral.net**

BYC will not be meeting this week for break, but join us Sunday, **January 22** for our trip to AirU! Email smceyc318@gmail.com for updates and to be added to our email list!

Our contributors to the Advent Meditations for 2022 outdid themselves in providing thoughtful and insightful reflections on the daily readings. As Christmas ends, the twelve drummers drumming remind us that Ash Wednesday is almost upon us. We need 47 contributors for the 2023 Lenten Meditations booklet. The observance of Lent is our opportunity for self-examination and repentance. “Reading and meditating on God’s holy Word” (BCP, p. 265) is one way to do that. Writing a meditation on the daily readings for one day is a way to do that and to share the Lenten experience with others. A small but dedicated group of St. Mark’s parishioners have generously provided Advent and Lenten meditations each season. If you have written meditations in the past but not recently, please consider writing one this season. If you have never written a meditation before, please consider doing so for our 2023 Lenten observance. The meditation booklets are a mutual ministry. The more voices that join in, the more joyful the noise we make. To participate, **contact Laura McLemore at laura.mclemore@lsus.edu**.

Sunday Readings

The Second Sunday after the Epiphany
 Isaiah 49:1-7 * 1 Corinthians 1:1-9
 John 1:29-42

Thoughts from the Dean and the Stewardship Team

Our weekly gift to God should be a gift that is acceptable ... a fitting expression of our esteem and respect of God, sacrificial, causing some degree of burden to the giver, and proportionate ... truly saying: “God I love you, and thank you for all you have given me.” This gift of mine should be an account of my stewardship to God, my generous and loving father.

Upcoming Events

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| January 13 -14 | Discovering Your Spiritual Gifts | 6:00 pm Friday
9:00 am Saturday |
| January 16 | Church office closed | |
| January 29 | Annual meeting & lunch | 11:45 am
Parish Hall |
| February 24 & 25 | Diocesan Convention
Alexandria | |